THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY





## March 24, 2016 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2016 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with legal applications, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and this year's theme of "What is Your Story?" promotes the inclusion of all citizens of Lake County with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, statewide and across the nation, organizations devoted to serving individuals with developmental disabilities are planning special events in March to raise public awareness of the many abilities people have, regardless of disability. "What is Your Story" encourages people to get to know someone with a disability to better understand that we are all connected and alike in many ways; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood hosts a variety of events that promote and celebrate Awareness Month, including: the Broadmoor Bobcats basketball games, an art show, chili cook-off, various idol competitions where performers with developmental disabilities display their talents, Strides of March 5k Run and Walk and many other activities. The Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities sponsors numerous outreach programs to raise the public consciousness about developmental disabilities and the rewards that we all can glean from a fully engaged, supported and productive relationship with the members of our society with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood encourages all citizens to support full access to education, housing, employment and leisure activities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby proclaims

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and encourages the citizens of our community to gain new insight into the lives of these important members of our community and understanding of the strength our community enjoys from its diversity.

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